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Joe Davison focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, advising sophisticated clients around the world on a wide array of business disputes.

Named a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* for Business Litigation, Joe has defended and prosecuted high-stakes commercial claims, including matters involving fraud, breach of contract, consumer protection, and data privacy. Joe regularly counsels clients on pre-litigation dispute resolution and effective litigation strategy, quickly and efficiently obtaining favorable results for his clients.

Joe provides unique value to his clients in the sports industry, having developed both a legal and business understanding of his clients' needs early in his career. Before becoming a lawyer, Joe spent several years working for prominent professional sports organizations in Seattle, providing him with a business-oriented insight into a sports franchise. Joe's early experiences have formed the foundation of an active sports law practice, including numerous representations and legal publications.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

REPRESENTATIVE COMPLEX COMMERCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

- Prosecuted breach of contract and trade secret action on behalf of a large India-based company. Secured summary judgment victory holding defendant liable for breach of contract and trade secret violations that led to a favorable settlement
- Prosecuted breach of contract and unjust enrichment claims on behalf of major utility company against infrastructure corporation. Successful strategy led to a multi-million dollar settlement
- Representing international wine maker in products liability matter. Obtained a complete summary judgment victory that found no liability for the client
- Representing virtual receptionist company in nationwide class action challenging company's disclosures and billing practices
- Representing major food conglomerate in several cases, including employment and other general matters
- Defending health care provider in whistleblower action brought by former executive
- Defending large real estate developer in several securities actions filed by investors in former project

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS ENGAGEMENTS

- Acting as outside legal counsel for a youth training program funded by the ownership group of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Handling

public relations advice, compliance issues, and other general matters

- Representing notable sporting brand with an executive employment dispute
- Managed substantial lawsuit for sports academy against a former employee dealing with trade secret, fiduciary duty, tortious interference, licensing, conversion, and data privacy issues. Secured temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against former employee and competitive business. Obtained critical victories through targeted dispositive motions that led to a favorable settlement
- Advised sports gambling corporation in state lottery negotiations, leading to a multi-million dollar engagement
- Defended Seattle professional sports franchise in securities matter brought by an original investor. Utilized an aggressive strategy to lead to an early minimal settlement
- Represented prominent baseball organization in high-stakes leasing issue. Successfully enjoined anticipatory breach, and negotiated and drafted a new lease
- Advised on national class action advocating for the payment of former student-athletes. Lawsuit resulted in US\$60 million settlement for former student-athletes across the country
- Represented business conglomerate in marketing dispute with high-profile professional NFL player. Secured confidential settlement that delivered to client all of its demands
- Defended financial advisor in fraud-based dispute brought by former professional football player resulting in favorable settlement

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Washington
- Idaho

Education

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law
with honors
- B.A., University of Washington

INSIGHTS

Publications

- *Standards of Review in Law and Sports: How Instant Replay's Asymmetric Burdens Subvert Accuracy and Justice*, 8 Harv. J. Sports & Ent. L. 1 (2017) (co-authored with University of Washington Law Professor Steve Calandrillo)
- *Throwing the Flag on Pay-for-Play: The O'Bannon Ruling and the Future of Paid Student-Athletes*, 11 Wash. J.L. Tech. & Arts 155 (2015)